

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) Brushing device for brushing livestock, having an oblong brush that can be set in motion by a driving means, and having a carrying means for carrying the brush, the carrying means comprising at least one flexible element, characterized in that in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the brush (2) has a substantially vertical orientation, and in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) of the carrying means, through a force acting externally upon it, permits a swivelling of the brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of said brush.
  
2. (Original) Brushing device according to claim 1, characterized in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is oblong.
  
3. (Currently amended) Brushing device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is substantially tubular.
  
4. (Currently amended) Brushing device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is a leaf spring or coil spring.
  
5. (Currently amended) Brushing device according to ~~one of claims 1—4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the driving means (6) is rigidly connected to the brush (2).

6. (Currently amended) Brushing device according to ~~one of claims 1—4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the driving means (6) is connected to the brush (2) by way of a flexible connection (18).

7. (Currently amended) Brushing device according to ~~one of claims 1—6~~ claim 1, characterized in that the driving means (6) is designed for rotating the brush (2) about its longitudinal axis.

8. (Currently amended) Brushing device according to ~~one of claims 1—6~~ claim 1, characterized in that the driving means (6) is designed for moving the brush (2) substantially in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the brush (2).

9. (Currently amended) Brushing device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized by a means (14, 10b) for drip-feeding a treatment agent from a place situated above the brush (2) onto the brush (2).